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Reports from Santiago—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, February 17 and 23:
Week ended February 13.

Bills of health issued to 3 vessels bound for the United States. No quarantinable disease reported.

Week ended February 20.

Bills of health issued to 8 vessels bound for the United States and its dependencies.

No quarantinable disease has been reported, except one death from leprosy.

EGYPT.

Summary of plague in Egypt from 1899 to 1908, inclusive.

The following is taken from the *Bulletin Quarantenaire*, published by the sanitary, maritime, and quarantine board of Egypt, under date of February 4.

From 1899 to 1908, inclusive, plague was officially reported as follows:

Year.	Cases.	Deaths.	Year.	Cases.	Deaths.
1899.....	93	45	1905.....	266	181
1900.....	127	60	1906.....	631	475
1901.....	205	102	1907.....	1,253	914
1902.....	481	291	1908.....	1,511	780
1903.....	303	160			
1904.....	854	501	Total.....	5,724	3,509

Plague in the principal cities of Egypt.—At Cairo, in 1906, there was 1 case with 1 death of plague. At Alexandria plague was present in all the years covered by the report, with a total of 997 cases, 595 deaths. At Port Said plague was reported in 1900 and was consecutively present, with a total of 232 cases, 127 deaths. At Suez the disease appeared in 1904 and was present in 1905, 1906, and 1907, with 97 cases, 70 deaths. At Ismaila, which is situated on the Suez and Sweetwater canals and equally distant from the Red and Mediterranean seas, plague was present in 1907 with a total of 10 cases, 8 deaths. Of the 20 government districts, including Nubia, into which Egypt is divided, 17 were infected with plague. The total population, census of 1897, was stated at 9,734,405.

GERMANY.

Report from Berlin—Status of cholera in Russia.

The following is received from Consul-General Thackara, under date of February 15:

According to the latest official bulletin there were registered in the city of St. Petersburg during the week ended January 23, 273 cases of cholera and 114 deaths; in the government district of Tomsk, 3 cases and 1 death, and in the Don territory, 13 cases and 7 deaths, making a total for the week of 289 cases and 122 deaths. According to an official supplementary report, the total number of cholera cases in Russia

during the previous week amounted to 217, with 59 deaths, of which 2 cases and 1 death occurred in the government district of Petersburg, 1 case and 1 death in the government district of Moscow, 23 cases and 7 deaths in the Don territory, and 5 cases in the Akmolinsk territory.

HAWAII.

Report from Honolulu—Examination of rats for plague infection at Honolulu and Hilo.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Currie, plague laboratory, reports, February 1, through Temporary Chief Quarantine Officer Moore:

HONOLULU.

Week ended January 30.

Total rats taken.....	559
Trapped.....	555
Found dead (3 mus musculus and 1 mus alexandrinus).....	4
Examined bacteriologically.....	476
Showing plague infection.....	0
Classification of rats trapped:	
Mus alexandrinus.....	70
Mus musculus.....	333
Mus norvegicus.....	45
Mus rattus.....	103
Average number of traps set daily.....	1, 569
Rats from Hilo referred to this laboratory for bacteriological diagnosis.....	2
Rats from Hilo still under investigation.....	4
Rats from Hilo proven to be plague infected during week.....	2

HILO.

Week ended January 23.

Total rats taken.....	267
Trapped.....	260
Found dead.....	7
Examined by agent of board of health.....	267
Classification of rats:	
Mus alexandrinus.....	13
Mus musculus.....	7
Mus norvegicus.....	140
Mus rattus.....	107

INDIA.

Reports from Calcutta—Transactions of service—Cholera, plague, and smallpox—Plague in India and Bengal.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Eakins reports, February 4:

Week ended January 30. Bill of health issued to the steamship *Matoppo*, bound for Boston and New York with a total crew of 52. The usual precautions were taken, the holds fumigated, rat guards placed on the wharf lines, and the Asiatics' effects disinfected.

Week ended January 23. At Calcutta there were 9 deaths from cholera, 13 from plague, and 98 from smallpox. In Bengal, 247 cases of plague, with 205 deaths. In India, 2,899 cases of plague, with 2,306 deaths.